



# Emergency Management Exercise Assistance

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Emergency Management Division  
Washington Military Department

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## Background

State and local public officials, private firms and volunteers are provided training and assistance in designing exercises to test their emergency plans.

## Exercise Requirements

Cities and counties in Washington prepare for large and small scale emergencies through comprehensive disaster exercise programs. Local jurisdictions that accept Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funding through the Emergency Management Division are required by contract to design, conduct, evaluate, and report at least one functional or full-scale exercise during the federal fiscal year. If the jurisdiction experiences an actual disaster, it may request program credit in lieu of conducting the scheduled exercise.

## Available Training

The Emergency Management Division offers a three day *Exercise Design and Evaluation* (G139) course at least twice each year. Students learn a proven, eight-step process to design effective disaster simulations as well as an evaluation methodology to capture the lessons learned during the exercise. The *Principles of Emergency Management* (G230) course is a prerequisite for this training. Additionally, the Federal Emergency Management Agency offers a home study course (IS-120) in exercise design, which is recommended prior to entering the G139 course.

## Technical Assistance

Staff from the Emergency Management Division are available to assist the state's cities, counties, and state agencies in the design, conduct, and evaluation of their emergency management exercises for all hazards. This assistance comes most often in the form of pre-exercise advisement, workshops, site visits, or may involve technical review of written exercise design products.

## Contact

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